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PICTIONARY TOURNAMENT BENEFIT: COMIC BOOK ARTISTS VS. COMEDIANS

Manhattan Beach, California, January 8, 2010 – Comic book artists face off against comedians this Wednesday in a Pictionary tournament to benefit children with autism.

The benefit supports the Pasadena Child Development Associates, Inc. (PCDA), a nonprofit organization providing development services to children with autism and other developmental disorders.

Audience members can win collectible art created during the tournament by comic book artist Eric Basaldua, whose work includes Ultimate Fantastic Four, Dark Avengers and The X-Men.

Comics legend Richard Starkings is also joining the team. In addition to his creator-owned project Elephantmen, Starkings is perhaps best known for founding Comcraft, a digital typography studio that revolutionized comic books in the early 90s.

Other professional comic book artists donating their art to the event include Tone Rodriguez (Simpsons, Cowboy Bebop, KISS4K), Chris Moreno (World War Hulk: Frontline, Toy Story, Popgun) and Tony Fleecs (In My Lifetime, Wonderlost).

The tournament takes place at The Comic Bug in Manhattan Beach from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Sponsors include the Comics On Comics comics world podcast and the monthly geek standup show Comics And Comics.

“The tournament will be hilarious and fun. The Comics And Comics guys are facing hopeless odds against professional artists, and only their comedy can sustain them,” PCDA Board Member Megan Hobza says.

“Also, auctioning the art gives our supporters another great reason to give to PCDA. It’s incredible what a benefit like this can do for our kids.”

Autism strikes one in 70 children (one in 51 boys) and is now considered an epidemic. California State budget cuts, coupled with an increasing need for services, has made fundraising more important than ever.

The tournament is hosted by geek comedian Asterios Kokkinos, and the event flyer, featuring art by Tone Rodriguez, was designed by renowned comedy community graphic designer Olivia Kjellander Hook.

This is the first PCDA Pictionary tournament hosted at The Comic Bug, a community comic book store known for events like 24-Hour Comic Book Day, Free Comic Book Day, in-store signings and live performances. The Comic Bug is located at 1807 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

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